

HOUSE RESOLUTION 57

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gracie Stroup on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Meadowview Middle School in Hamblen County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Gracie Stroup is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stroup has recently been selected Teacher of the Year at Meadowview Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received her bachelor's degree from Carson-Newman College and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Gracie Stroup has taught physical education at Meadowview Middle School with acumen and alacrity for 27 exemplary years; in addition, she serves as department chairperson, athletic director, and girls' track coach, and she previously coached basketball; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stroup also teaches as an adjunct professor in the Department of Physical Education at Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Gracie Stroup, a Career Ladder Level III teacher, also assists her fellow teachers as an active participant in the teacher mentor program; she is a member of the School Improvement Committee and the Title 1 Committee, as well; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stroup truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her stellar service as a teacher, she is also a member of the First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Gracie Stroup truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Gracie Stroup on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Meadowview Middle School in Hamblen County, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.